Production. essential drugs

$67. SHRI RAINI RANIAK SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question No. 615 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1987 and state;

{a) the specific measures proposed *to* be taken by Government to discourage the production of non-essetntjar' and use less mediines;

b) whether *tie* Ministry has proposed lower mark up on non-essential medi cines;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether also. fact that not obligatory provision has been proposed under Hew drug policy to produce essential medicines;

. (e) 'Whether it is also a fact that such a provision was available under Drug policy 1978;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof;

(g) whether it is also a fact that pto-duction of non-essential medicines which fall under exempted category went up by four times within five years whereas production of essential medicines fell half;

{b) if so, what was the! sale turn over. of essendal medicines failing under categories and II as non essential medicines or exempted and others in 1980 and 1986; and

(i) what was the percentage increase or decrease in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI ft. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH); (a) t_0 (f) The new measures announced recently aim at encouraging the production of essential drug$_s$ and are based on the experience gained m the implementation of the 1978 drug policy. There was no, obligatory-provision to produce essential drug$_s$ in the 1978 policy-'aor is it imposed now. However, production of essential drugs has'Jbeei encouraged.

(g) to (•) no such study has been mad e by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals.

Price decontrolled medicines

968. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 620 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1987 and state;

(a.) whether it & a fact that apart lfrom exorbitent price increase of ' price decontrol medicines the production of these. medicines have also gone up dis proportionately; \if so, what was the total $_s$aJw turnover of formulations in 1980 and 1986;

(b) what was the sale$_s$ turnover of price controlled formulations as wel] as of price, decontrolled ones separately during 1980 and 1986; '

(c) what w&s the percentage increase Or decrease ia production in each case;

(d) whether it is also a fact that his ministry is proposing to expand the price decontrol basket;

(e) whether jt is als$_0$ a (fact that nis Ministry has abolished Drugs Equalisation Fund Account, overall profitability. Control On Drug Industry as well as obligatory provision of production of 20 per cent of sales turnover of essential me-
. dicinea; and

(g) if so, how under these circumstan ces, the national objective $_0$f abundant availability of medicines at reasonable prices will be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINIS TRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. IAI-CHANDRA SINGH); (a) to (d) PK duction of formulatiOns is not monitored. Required details are, therefore, not avail able.

(e) to (g) Measure annoudfced by theGovernment aim at stimulating produc- tion of drugs and formulations wfeich are

essential to the needs of large, majority of the people of of country at making toe. price control jess cianibersosiei but more effective by reducing the gjan of control and at ensuring reasonable B«-turn to the producers of essential drags, wMle at the same- time restricting indue increase in their price: With 4 yiewnte encourage production of drugs which are more essential to the needs of the cetm-• try, incentives, other than the MAPE wouy also be considered. It is alsj, proposed to strictly monitor the price of drugs of decontrolled category and to develop an effective monitoring mecfia'-nbm for this purpose with a view to bringing any drug'in decontrolled category within the ambit of control at any point of time, should it be considered necessary to do so.

Meeting of Expert Conmtttoe

969. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY ha pleased to refer to the answeT to S*amd Question 165 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March 1987 and

(a) whether it is fact that theSupwj Committee has decided to nfeet the asso ciations of the Drug Indnstry and Medical Profession before finalisation. of their recommendations for inclosion of drugs under. Category II;

(b) if so, how many meetings in this regard have been eld till ate;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Committee recently held a meeting at Bbmbayj

(d) if so, what are the names of the associations of Industry, Trade, Consumtr and Medical Profession with whom the aforesaid meeting was held;

(e) whether « is als,, a fact the none Of -the three Medical expext wore present in the meeting; and

r (f) if so, what were- the neaeans there for and what purpose would he served without the presence- of Medical esperte?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF, CHEMICALS AND PETRO CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)°te (d)The Committee met the following in this regard at Bombay on 31st March and 1st April, -1987:

(i) Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association

(ii) Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India

(iii) Indian Medical Association

(iv) Indian Pharmaceutical Associa- tion -

(v) Association for Consumers Action on Safety and Health

, (vi)Arogya Mitra Mandal

(vii) Foundation for Research in Community Health. -

(e), ana(f) Two nominees of the Ministry of Health on the Committee ' could not attend the meeting dne to last minute administrative difficulties. Another Member, Prof. RamaHngaswamy could not attend the meeting since he was abroad o» a foreign assignment.

Expert committee for identification of drags

970. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;.

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has appointed an expert committee to identify drugs for price control unddr category II of the proposed Drug Price Control Order;

(b) if *se,* how many phamnacologists and medical experts have been taken in the committee alongwith their names and institution, to which each i» attached;

(c) whether k is a fact that certain experts of other fields We been taken in the committee; if so, what are the names of those members;